

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An ignition method for a solid fuel apparatus, ~~in particular a heating apparatus or barbecue type cooking apparatus, wherein said the method comprises comprising:~~

~~_____ a step of~~ blowing hot air on at least one part of ~~said solid fuel fuel,~~ which is arranged in a container of ~~said the solid fuel apparatus, apparatus, in order to~~ initiate the combustion of ~~said the at least one fuel part part of solid fuel.~~

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A The method according to claim 1, wherein hot air is further comprising:~~

~~_____ blowing hot air blown on said the fuel after initiating combustion starting of said the at least one part of said the solid fuel, in order to increase the spreading of combustion extension of said fuel the fuel, or to poke combustion the fuel in said the container.~~

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A The method according to claim 2, further comprising: _____ wherein removing moisture from the solid fuel by blowing hot air is blown on said the solid fuel before initiating combustion starting of said the at least one part of said the solid fuel, in order to clear moisture from said fuel.~~

4. (Currently Amended) A solid fuel ~~apparatus, in particular a heating apparatus or barbecue type cooking apparatus, for carrying out a method according to claim 1, comprising apparatus, comprising:~~

~~_____ a container for containing a solid fuel, wherein said apparatus comprising at least; and~~

~~_____ means for generating a hot air stream on at least one part of said the solid fuel.~~

5. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 4, ~~wherein said container comprises further comprising:~~

~~_____ a furnace grid, grid; and~~

~~_____ an ash pit disposed under said the furnace grid, said the furnace grid and said the ash pit being disposed in the a bottom of said the container, container. said means for generating a hot air stream on at least one part of said solid fuel comprising:~~

~~_____ a pipe to conduct said hot air stream into said container, one end of which leads to said grid into said container, or over to said grid,~~

~~_____ a hot air stream generator disposed out of said container and connected to the other end of said pipe.~~

6. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The apparatus according to ~~claim 5,~~ claim 17, wherein ~~said the pipe to conduct said feed the hot air stream to said into the container moreover comprises further has a hot air providing means to said provide hot air to the ash pit, one end of which leads to said grid into said container or over to said grid and the other end of which is connected to a hot air stream generator.~~

7. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 6, ~~wherein said apparatus comprises further comprising:~~

~~_____ a shutting means to obturate said feeding means with hot air obstruct the hot air provided to said the ash pit, the shutting means being movable between at least two positions, positions including a first position where said feeding the hot air providing means is open and a second position where said feeding the hot air providing means is closed.~~

8. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising:

~~_____ wherein said apparatus comprises regulating means for said regulating the hot air stream headed fed by said the pipe.~~

9. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 8 , further comprising:

~~wherein said apparatus comprises means for diffusion of said the~~ hot air stream in a horizontal plane and radially into ~~said the~~ container.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The apparatus according to ~~claim 4,~~ claim 17, wherein ~~said the second end of the pipe comprises one end~~ connected to ~~an~~ the air stream ~~generator, several generator has several~~ sleeves of different diameters ~~comprising respectively including~~ one or several entries, enabling ~~the adaptation of connection to~~ one or several fans equipped with heating resistance by a rapid-junction means.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein ~~said the pipe is adaptable connectable onto said to the~~ apparatus by a ~~simple drilling drilled hole at the ash pit in the bottom of said ash pit, said the container, the pipe being quickly fitted on said the~~ apparatus by way of thread, lug, quarter turn milled ring or by a rapid-junction means.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 11, ~~wherein said the pipe merges being inserted into said the ash pit until brushing the pipe brushes against said the furnace grid of said the~~ apparatus.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein ~~said the pipe is fitted onto said the ash pit by a rapid-junction means, enabling a quick removing removal of said the pipe in order to enable emptying of said the~~ ash pit.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein ~~said the pipe is drilled by further has oblique drilled holes along its an upper surround, surround of the pipe, in order to widely diffuse, diffuse the most widely, by way of a hot air stream division caused by a truncated washer disposed inside said the pipe, dividing said the~~ hot

stream for one part towards ~~said~~ the ash pit and for an other part towards ~~said~~ the container into which the furnace of ~~said~~ the apparatus is situated.

15. (New) The ignition method of claim 1, wherein the solid fuel apparatus is a heating apparatus or a barbecue-type cooking apparatus.

16. (New) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the solid fuel apparatus is a heating apparatus or a barbecue-type cooking apparatus.

17. (New) The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the means for generating a hot air stream on the at least one part of the solid fuel includes:

a pipe to feed the hot air stream into the container, the pipe having a first end and a second end, the first end of the pipe leading to the grid in the container, or over the grid, and

a hot air stream generator disposed outside of the container and connected to the second end of the pipe.